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COUNCIL, 27 JANUARY 2022 : ORAL QUESTIONS

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2	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Given ongoing pressures on the service, what steps are being taken to ensure safe working conditions and employee wellbeing in the waste department?</p>
3	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEITH PARRY</u></p> <p>Residents of Fairwater, Ely and St Fagans have been greatly put out by the closure of Michaelston Road at St Fagans for three weeks. The alternative route is four miles long and has greatly increased congestion at the Waungron Road and Western Avenue junction. What can the Council do to stop such closures in the future?</p>
4	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR OWEN JONES</u></p> <p>What has the Council been doing to try to prevent young people becoming not employed and not in education or training?</p>

5	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>What is the limit of the officer delegation in Cardiff to approve Town Centre Loan fund applications?</p>
6	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELSMORE (SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Do social services accept the judgements made by medical staff e.g. doctors and nurses, as professional opinions that should be given due consideration, when considering the suitability of a return to home for patients being discharged from hospital and to what extent are observations and opinions of families listened to and taken on board when adult social services discharges its duty of care and decides patients leaving hospital can safely return home?</p>
7	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ALI AHMED</u></p> <p>We have now had 3 years as a Real Living Wage city. Can the Cabinet Member tell us if we achieved the targets we set in this area?</p>
8	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE & LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>How much does the upkeep of the bowling green at Llwynfedw gardens actually cost in total and who pays for it?</p>

9	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>What plans does the council have to collect and recycle the old blue glass caddies from houses and remove the contaminated blue communal bins from flats?</p>
10	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE & LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MACKIE</u></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for parks please update us on the progress of the refurbishment of our smaller parks in Cathays, which have been funded by Section 106 monies collected from developers?</p>
11	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Which schools in Cardiff are currently not serving hot meals to pupils, and for how long, and what communication has there been with parents and local Councillors?</p>
12	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Following several serious accidents in the last few months on the A48/Eastern Avenue, does the council have any plans to install a permanent crash barrier on that part of Eastern Avenue located at the rear of houses on Ambleside Avenue in Cyncoed/Lakeside? Residents have reported damage caused at the rear of their properties and have raised concerns about their safety as a result of these incidents.</p>

13	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL (CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANGANI</u></p> <p>Late last year, Labour Councillors for the Heath Ward made representation to the Council about whether land at the recently acquired former Tax Office car park, on the south side of the Ty Glas industrial estate, could be used as a temporary recycling facility until the office blocks on the north side are demolished and our new Cardiff North community high school plans are ready to begin on site. Could you update us on any progress?</p>
14	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR BRADBURY (CULTURE & LEISURE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>How much compensation was paid by council to the winter wonderland & ice skating attraction, after Welsh Government's decision on restrictions?</p> <p>Will Cardiff council be compensated for any losses?</p>
15	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Since work was undertaken to improve the drainage of the pitches at Ysgol Bro Eder in 2014, some residents of Carisbrooke Way (whose rear gardens slope down from the side of the pitches) have experienced water streaming into their gardens during periods of moderate or heavy rainfall. Whilst remedial works have since helped some affected properties, others are still experiencing this problem eight years later. I am advised that the council is looking again at options to deal with this issue, so can you please tell me what options are being looked at, when you anticipate the problem might finally be resolved for those residents who are still affected, and whether you think it's acceptable that these residents have been left to suffer from this problem for such a long period of time?</p>

16	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR MERRY (EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>With the well-being of children and young people continuing to be a key priority for the Council, could the Deputy Leader update the Council on the progress of the Winter of Wellbeing programme?</p>
17	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>What is the current total consultancy bill for the current financial year, with a breakdown of departments and the percentage spend of their overall budget?</p> <p>Can I please have the same figures for agency staff?</p>
18	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR GOODWAY (INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SANDREY</u></p> <p>Can the relevant cabinet member provide an update on the purchase of land in Pentwyn that includes woodland in the Hawthorns and outline what if any plans the council has for the area?</p>
19	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CUNNAH</u></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on when the Newport Road and East Tyndall Street pop-up cycleways will be fully open?</p>
20	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUDSON</u></p> <p>What is the council doing to assist the disabled to access buses and to reach Cardiff central train station?</p>

21	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILD (STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR DILWAR ALI</u></p> <p>Pleased to see the launch of a brand-new fleet of 36 zero-emission buses as part of the commitment to improve air quality and invest in public transport. Can you confirm which routes the electric buses will serve?</p>
22	<p><u>QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR WEAVER (FINANCE, MODERNISATION & PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO)</u></p> <p><u>QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will you rule out a 4% increase in Council Tax based on the very generous settlement from the UK Government to the Welsh Government which saw Cardiff receive a 10.7% increase in the budget settlement for 2022/23?</p>

COUNCIL, 27 JANUARY 2022 : WRITTEN QUESTIONS**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**
(COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HINCHEY)

W1

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

How many 'Looked After Children' are there in Cardiff?

For context, can the Cabinet Member provide the figures of 'Looked After Children' for the past 3 years and the cost of out of county placements for 'Looked After Children' for the same period?

Reply

Numbers	31/03/2019	31/03/20	31/03/21
Total Number of Children Looked After	902	955	993
OOO* External Fostering	179	185	182
Total External Fostering	391	367	344
OOO* Residential	63	72	70
Total External Residential	69	82	88

Costs	31/03/2019	31/03/2020	31/03/2021
OOO* External Fostering Spend	7,365,883	8,065,936	7,442,814
External Fostering Total Spend	16,089,741	16,000,667	14,066,931
OOO* Residential Spend	10,407,794	13,219,065	13,223,180
External Residential Total Spend	11,399,555	15,055,883	16,622,476

*OOO = *Out of County – i.e. children looked after who are placed outside the Cardiff boundary.*

CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT
(COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MICHAEL)

W2	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>Since February 2021 how many missed waste collections have been recorded by the council?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In the 11-month period between February and December 2021, a total of 17,815 missed collections were reported to the Council, compared to 22,976,237 collections that were undertaken. This represents a 99.92% success rate in terms of completed collections.</p>
W3	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBSON</u></p> <p>Following a number of missed bin collections in Curlew Close, Rhiwbina – including food waste missed for several collections leading to a fly infestation – what action will you take to ensure this cul-de-sac of flats is not missed again?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Our Collection Supervisors are aware of the issues experienced at Curlew Close. Supervisors will attend the site with the crews on the next collection to ensure that the crews are aware of the locations of all bins. Supervisors will also closely monitor the collection of all waste streams from Curlew Close over the next four weeks to ensure that the improvements are embedded.</p>
W4	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Residents have reported on occasion that they are now unclear about the arrangements for securing an assisted lift for removal of their waste. Can the council clarify how residents are able to obtain an assisted lift, whether the orange diamond scheme is still in operation or whether it has been superseded by a different system?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>If residents need help putting bags, bins or food caddies out to be collected, they can apply for an assisted lift collection by contacting C2C on (029) 2087 2087. Further details can be found on the Council's website at: Help putting out bags and bins (cardiff.gov.uk)</p>

	<p>An officer will need visit the property to agree a collection point and ensure eligibility for the service. If approved, it will begin straight away.</p> <p>Since the introduction of in-cab technology, crews are notified of recorded collections via their in-cab device. Orange diamonds are therefore no longer essential, but are available if required.</p>
W5	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Why does the council not routinely remove incorrectly presented waste, rather than leaving it on the street where it is often not taken back in, and consequently is left to fester or ends up ripped open contaminating the environment with loose waste and litter?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Whilst prompt removal of incorrectly presented waste is important to prevent littering; it is also important that the behaviour of residents in presenting contaminated recycling is addressed in order to prevent recurring issues.</p> <p>Residents have a duty of care to present their waste and recycling on the correct day, at the correct time, and in the correct container. Where residents fail to present their waste correctly, they have a responsibility to take that waste back in and present it correctly at the appropriate time.</p> <p>If incorrectly presented waste was routinely removed, it would encourage further poor behaviour. Therefore, enforcement officers are responsible for searching and removing incorrectly presented waste and recycling so that they can take action as appropriate.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services will be reshaped in 2022. Cleansing teams will be trained to search and remove waste, logging incorrect waste presentation issues for action by the enforcement team. This will minimise the amount of time that incorrectly presented waste is left on the streets.</p>

W6	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>The restrictions on lending of litter picking equipment from council hubs to one per individual is likely to negatively impact informal litter picking groups and those organising community litter picks who used this service, particularly in areas not well served by alternatives. What plans do the council have to increase availability and accessibility of litter picking equipment?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Litter picking equipment, kept within the local Hubs, is for use by registered litter champions and is aimed at individuals wishing to litter pick within local communities, rather than large groups.</p> <p>For those wishing to carry out group and community litter picks, they can either contact the Love Where You Live Team via email (lovewhereyoulive@cardiff.gov.uk) or contact Keep Wales Tidy who also have a number of litter picking hubs.</p> <p>The Council really values the support of our community volunteers and we encourage them to get in touch with our co-ordinator to discuss any concerns or provide suggestions about how to improve the support we can offer.</p>
W7	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>Leaf fall is a particular problem around Africa Gardens and adjoining streets, causing issues for pedestrians. How often are leaves swept in the area and can this be increased?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The leaf fall cleansing schedule runs from October to December and Africa Gardens and surrounding areas were cleansed every two weeks during this period. The area is currently being monitored as part of a review of cleansing rounds and it is anticipated that a weekly cleanse of this area will be introduced in the coming months.</p>

W8	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What, if any, measures were put in place to protect and keep safe waste operatives collecting refuse into the night and early hours of the morning, outside normal operating hours?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The operatives that were used for the late-night collections are actually street cleansing operatives who usually work nights in the city centre. As such, relevant risk assessments and health checks are already in place for these members of staff. These staff are also fully trained in the use of Refuse Collection Vehicles and waste collections as part of our business continuity planning.</p>
W9	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What is the cost of overtime for the recent waste collections which have occurred as late as 2330 and 0130 in some parts of the city?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The work was undertaken by the City Centre cleansing teams who normally work nights. As such, there was no overtime paid for this work.</p>
W10	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>As a result of allegations of criminality, South Wales Police have undertaken investigations into the Council's Waste Department. Can the Cabinet Member provide a public update on the actions flowing following the investigation and if information cannot be made public, arrange for a confidential briefing to be given to Members of the Council?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>As I confirmed previously in reply to a Written Question from your group colleague, Councillor Hudson, in June 2021, all current internal disciplinary processes have been concluded in relation to the arrests of five Council employees and two agency employees that were made in February 2018. Therefore, there are currently no officers on suspension in relation to this case. Two employees remain employed by the Council, with the other roles being either recruited to or modified during the recent restructure of the service area.</p>

The Governance & Audit Committee, of which you are a member, has been kept up to date and provided with a confidential briefing that set out the position in respect of associated internal disciplinary investigations and was advised of the ongoing police review.

The Council has new leadership and management within the Waste Department. Working alongside officers from the Council's Audit Team, several processes and controls have been implemented service-wide to limit the risk of similar events occurring. Alongside this, robust performance management means that any changes to performance are visible and challenged by the management team.

As I also made clear previously, the Council needs to be careful not to prejudice the police investigation that remains ongoing so any further comment on this process would be inappropriate.

CULTURE AND LEISURE
(COUNCILLOR PETER BRADBURY)

W11

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS

Can the council confirm that play equipment at Rhydypenau Park will be renewed during the current financial year?

Reply

The Council is committed to investing in its parks' playgrounds and infrastructure and, during the current financial year, I anticipate spend being in the region of £3million as I have outlined in my Council Statement. It's my intention to continue the momentum, building on this year's investment, as we strive to fulfil our commitment to be a Child Friendly City.

Rhydypenau Park features in our provisional programme for 2022/23, subject to budget and project costs once known, and officers from my portfolio area will be in contact with local ward members in the new financial year to commence the consultation process.

W12

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

When can we expect to see the works undertaken that are being planned to improve the paths around Roath Rec, and will these plans also include improvements to the path on the Ty Draw Road side which also floods in places even if not as badly as the path on the south side?

Reply

We have been developing the design of the circular route of Roath Recreation Ground with a view to providing a fit for purpose, well drained surface that enables improved access for users and essential maintenance vehicles. Future provision will also include new park furniture.

The Parks Service is working in partnership with colleagues from the Planning, Transport and Environment Directorate to integrate the design plans with proposed cycle route improvements. As the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport confirmed at Council in November 2021 in reply to a question from Councillor De'Ath, funding will be sought from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund for these works as part of our grant bids for schemes to be delivered in the 2022/23 financial year. This approach will enable the allocation of Section 106 funding to other projects. Whilst this may mean a delay in the commencement of the works, it will result in a much more effective use of resources.

Completion of the scheme has the potential to see a cycle network connecting Wellfield Road to Ninian Road and beyond with improved pathways and infrastructure as an additional outcome. We are continuing to consult with Plasnewydd ward members on these proposals.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS
(COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY)

W13	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many staff are currently employed in youth services and how many staff were employed by the council in 2012?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In January 2012, the full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff employed in the Youth Service was 130.58. In December 2021 the FTE was 65.98. A total of £160,000 is also provided annually to partners through our Youth Innovation Grants, which have overall supported 3,414 young people in Cardiff. The quality and value of the service and the work of the youth workers is reflected in the recent accreditation of the Bronze Level Youth Quality Mark. The service also continues to develop and innovate by extending its reach through different types of youth work, such as extended street-based support and outreach, part-funding with partners to add value and, more recently, digital youth work. The latter will provide many young people with access to youth support and social interaction, which they previously would have found difficult.</p>
W14	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>The council is consulting on a significant number of proposals to increase provision for pupils with additional learning needs in primary and secondary schools across the city which clearly is to be welcomed, but all but one of the proposals being consulted on are for new or increased provision within the English-medium sector. Does the administration feel this is equitable given that there is already greater provision within the English-medium sector than there is within the Welsh-medium sector?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>In addition to the proposals that are currently being consulted on, there has been recent investment in the increase of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) places at primary age with the development of 'Yr Hafan' primary Specialist Resource Base (SRB) at Ysgol Pwll Coch, which is proposed to be expanded.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, as set out in the Cardiff's proposed Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP), which was circulated to all members in October 2021, Outcome 5 sets out the Council's aspirations to increase the quantum and distribution of specialist ALN places offered within the Welsh-medium sector.</p> <p>Consistent with the draft WESP, officers have submitted a bid to the Welsh Government under the Welsh capital scheme requesting funds to increase the places at the ALN SRB at Ysgol Glantaf, as well as establishing on-site SRB provision at Ysgol Plasmawr and plans to establish a primary Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) SRB in Welsh-medium. The outcome of this bid is not yet known, but is expected shortly.</p>
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FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE
(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)

W15	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>Cardiff's recovery from the pandemic will be fragile and will require the wholehearted support from the Council. Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much money was collected from Cardiff Businesses in the previous three financial years in Business Rates and after handing the sums over to Welsh Government, how much money was returned to Cardiff Council?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The anticipated final audited contribution to the all-Wales pool for Business Rates for the last three years is £563 million. Of this, Cardiff Council has received £356 million back, which means that we have made a net contribution of £207 million over the last three years.</p>
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HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES
(COUNCILLOR LYNDA THORNE)

W16	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>How many council properties are currently void?</p>
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Reply

With the growing pressures on affordable housing, it is more important than ever that our empty or void council properties are made available as quickly as possible, whilst still ensuring that the homes that we let are of a high standard.

There are currently 181 void council properties which equates to 1.32% of our total Council Housing stock, 45 of which are in Butetown and Grangetown and are void due to refurbishment or future demolition/regeneration. 1.32% is a significant improvement since July 2019 – when you asked me a question on this issue at Council – when there were 342 voids (2.52%).

Last year, the Council's Voids Management Team was shortlisted as a finalist in the Housing Innovation category of the Welsh Housing Awards, which recognises the significant progress that has been made.

The work of the team was fully reviewed in 2019 and led to several changes being made to improve both the service and the void turnaround times of our properties. This included the expansion of our own workforce by 13 operatives, including 1 lead electrical operative to help speed up electrical testing requirements, as well as a new works scheduler to ensure that productivity is always maximised.

We have also streamlined our internal processes to avoid unnecessary delays and, more recently, the service has been fully digitalised, speeding up administration processes further.

Where possible, any works are carried out with the new tenant in occupation. In addition, in agreement with new tenants, where only minor decorations are required, the team provides decorations vouchers allowing the tenant to choose their own colours and carry out the work themselves.

Our in-house workforce has grown significantly since 2019 allowing more direct control over the works carried out. This has led to an improvement in the average turnaround time for our properties from 43 days in July 2019 to 31 days currently.

In January 2022, the new voids contract commenced with two external providers. These external contractors now work across the city, rather than in specific areas, and this will allow greater flexibility to mobilise any workforce to any area.

Even though significant progress has been made, there is still more to do. To increase flexibility within the service, a framework agreement for a pool of small contractors will be procured shortly. This will allow for small, trade specific businesses to be utilised, as and when required, which will further reduce the number of days that properties are void.

W17

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD

Residents are increasingly raising fear of crime and personal safety concerns, in particular around the Gabalfa interchange; would the council consider reviewing public safety improvements in the vicinity?

Reply

The Community Safety Team recognises the importance of understanding fear of crime and concerns regarding personal safety and they are continually reviewing areas which could benefit from interventions.

All underpasses around the Gabalfa Interchange were upgraded with LED lighting in March 2020. Lighting in the underpass by the nearby Aneurin Bevan pub has also been upgraded.

Since October 2021, the Police have received only one report in relation to Gabalfa Interchange that was not in relation to a road traffic collision. In addition, patrols of the area have not noted any issues; however, the local Neighbourhood Police Team will focus on the area for the next week or so to help identify any specific issues of concern.

South Wales Police is also utilising [StreetSafe](#), which enables residents to indicate where they feel unsafe and the reasons for this, but where they have not witnessed or experienced crime specifically. The information provided will also help inform the work of the Community Safety Team.

As the work of the Police and Community Safety Team is data led, information on the types of crime and causes of why people feel unsafe is critical to the allocation of resources and the identification of effective interventions. Therefore, it is important that anyone witnessing an incident of crime, including anti-social behaviour, should contact the Police by phoning 101 or visit the Crimestoppers website at: <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org> where information can

be given anonymously. If there is any concern about immediate danger or harm, then people should contact the Police immediately by phoning 999.

W18

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

How many empty residential properties does Cardiff have according to area?

Reply

As I confirmed in my previous reply to a Written Question from Councillor Carter, there are currently 181 Council dwellings that are empty or void, of which 45 in Butetown and Grangetown are void due to refurbishment or future demolition/regeneration. This equates to just 1.32% of our total Council housing stock.

The table below shows the number of voids broken down by area/ward as of 18th January 2022:

Ward	Number
Adamsdown	2
Butetown	32*
Caerau	9
Canton	1
Cathays	1
Ely	20
Fairwater	13
Gabalfa	2
Grangetown	30**
Heath	1
Lisvane	1
Llanishen	6
Llandaff North	6
Llanrumney	8
Pentwyn	16
Plasnewydd	2
Riverside	9
Rumney	6
Splott	8
Trowbridge	6
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	2
Total	181

**The figure for Butetown includes 26 void properties in Nelson House, which is currently being refurbished into family accommodation.*

***The figure for Grangetown includes 19 void properties that are located in the first phase of the Channel View regeneration project.*

In terms of private sector residential properties, I would refer you to the recent report to Cabinet in December 2021 on the [Private Sector Empty Homes Policy 2021-24](#), which confirmed that, this year, there are 1,355 long-term empty private sector dwellings in Cardiff. The total number of empty homes that are liable for Council Tax and have been unoccupied for six months or more varies from year to year, but is usually in the range of 1300 to 1400 properties. Page 8 of the Private Sector Empty Homes Policy 2021-24 also includes a chart showing the number of empty private sector residential properties by ward as of 1 April 2019.

W19

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Has the council managed to secure re-gained access for users of Penylan Library to the toilets in the building shared with Penylan Community Centre and, if not, can the council please take further steps to resolve this issue with GLL?

Reply

The Library Service has been working closely with GLL to re-introduce the public flow through the building, subject to the relevant Covid-19 restrictions imposed by the Welsh Government. The health and safety of the public and staff has always been the priority and, as such, a one-way system has been in place, which has meant that the toilets have been unavailable.

From 1st February 2022, library users will return to entering and exiting the library via the main entrance and the fire door entrance will be closed. The one-way system implemented during the Covid restrictions will be removed and all centre users will enter and exit via the main entrance doors. The toilets will be available primarily for community centre and library users; however, members of the public will also be able to access the toilet facilities if required.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)

W20

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK

How many empty shops does Cardiff have according to area?

Reply

The figures provided below are based on the records held at a specific point in time (i.e. 19th January 2022) by the Council's Revenues Team and reflect property description codes used for shops and restaurant premises (including cafés), which are based on an assessment by the Valuation Office Agency of what the most likely use of the premises would be. The figures are subject to change on a daily basis to take account of new occupations or vacancies; however, it should be noted that businesses will sometimes move in and out of premises without informing the Council.

Ward	Number
Adamsdown	19
Butetown	25
Caerau	2
Canton	14
Cathays	146
Cyncoed	5
Ely	7
Fairwater	1
Gabalfa	15
Grangetown	11
Heath	3
Lisvane	1
Llandaff	2
Llandaff North	5
Llanishen	5
Llanrumney	2
Pontprennau & Old St Mellons	1
Penylan	7
Plasnewydd	34
Rhiwbina	3
Riverside	20
Rumney	4
Splott	4
Trowbridge	1
Whitchurch & Tongwynlais	12
Total	349

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
(COUNCILLOR SUSAN ELSMORE)

W21	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>What is the average percentage of staff, on weekly basis, out of work in social care due to covid related reasons and/or other sickness?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The overall average percentage of staff absence in Adult Services for the 4-week period up to 14th January 2022 was 12.6%. This figure also includes other absences, such as those related to maternity leave or sabbaticals.</p> <p>The average percentage for Covid-related reasons and/or other sickness is 9.7%.</p>
W22	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>Across social care what is the cost of frontline social care providers and how many bodies do we have providing frontline service internally and commissioned in the private sector?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p><i>“Internal frontline social care services”</i> in Adult Services have been defined as the Assessment and Care Teams and the direct service provision, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community Resource Team providing care at home, and a Supported Living Service for individuals with a Learning Disability (both services are registered with Care Inspectorate Wales as Cardiff Domiciliary Care Services)• Older People’s Day Services• Learning Disability Day Opportunities• Safeguarding Unit <p>The reported costs of these frontline services are based on the actual budget for the 2020/21 financial year which totals £16,638,525.</p> <p>In relation to commissioned front-line care provision services (i.e. Domiciliary Care, Care Homes, Internal Supported Living), Adult Services currently commissions the following number of providers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domiciliary Care (75 providers) • Care Homes (142 providers, which includes care homes in Cardiff and out of area) • Supported Living (11 providers) <p>The reported costs of these commissioned services are based on the actual budget for the 2020/21 financial year which totals £91,573,225.</p>
W23	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MOLIK</u></p> <p>What is the cost of non-frontline staff (i.e. managers, admin and directors) within social care?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The total cost of managers and non-front-line staff in Adult Services for 2020/21 was £3,104,945. This equates to 2.7% of overall costs and includes those costs for the following non-frontline officers and teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and Admin • Finance & Care Brokerage • Contracts Monitoring • Strategic Commissioning • Business Support • Policy & Performance

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
(COUNCILLOR CARO WILD)

W24	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR COWAN</u></p> <p>Will the Council agree to permitting First Responders (who respond as the emergency services) to use Cardiff's bus lanes when on emergency life saving duties, if registration numbers are given in advance?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Volunteer Community First Responders that support the Welsh Ambulance Service in Wales will generally use their own private vehicles and do not use blue lights when responding to emergencies.</p>
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	<p>As a result, they are not permitted to use bus lanes in Cardiff. Should any driver responding to an emergency 999 call subsequently receive a Penalty Charge Notice for using a bus lane, then they would be able to appeal this via the Council's appeals process, when any mitigating circumstances could be considered and supporting evidence provided.</p>
W25	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARTER</u></p> <p>When will the Nextbike scheme be restarted?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>The OVO Bikes/nextbike scheme was back on street from 13th January 2022. The return to operation is being carefully phased to ensure that the risk to the fleet is minimised. It has been re-launched initially with a smaller fleet of 400 bikes, with a focus on the highest usage stations.</p>
W26	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Can the administration confirm when a response from the Welsh Government to the council's Active Travel plan will be received and the plan made public?</p> <p>Can confirmation also be given that there will be further public consultation about specific projects within the plan before implementation?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Following the recent Active Travel Network Map consultation, as agreed by Welsh Government, the final map will be submitted to Welsh Government in June 2022. The timetable for considering and approving the Active Travel Network Map will be a matter for Welsh Government. As with all strategic routes, there will be full public consultation on specific projects, such as new routes, within the Plan prior to any scheme being implemented.</p>
W27	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>A commitment has been made to repairing the road surface in Nantfawr Crescent in Cyncoed during the current financial year but work has yet to begin. Given the very poor and dangerous condition</p>

	<p>of the road at this location can an assurance be given that this work will proceed as indicated?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I can confirm the target start date for the Nant Fawr Crescent reconstruction works is 7th February 2022. The footway has to be renewed before the carriageway reconstruction can be started. We estimate that the duration of the footway work will be 9 weeks, followed by 10 weeks for the carriageway reconstruction works.</p>
W28	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HOPKINS</u></p> <p>Are any pavement improvement schemes planned in the Cyncoed/Lakeside ward in the period ahead?</p> <p>If so, where are these located and how have the particular locations been determined?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Footway improvement works are planned for Nant Fawr Crescent in February 2022. Ward members will be notified 10-14 days prior to the works commencing, with residents notified 7 days prior.</p> <p>Approximately 850m² of footway patching has been carried out in the ward in the current financial year, along with a 1300m² Active Travel footway scheme on Cyncoed Road.</p> <p>The 2022/23 footway programme has yet to be determined.</p>
W29	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Resident parking availability on streets between North Road and Whitchurch Road is a long standing issue. When will the council review the parking policy in this area and consider increasing the proportion of road space reserved for residents?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Officers have committed to reviewing the resident parking area between North Road and Whitchurch Road after the delivery of the changes to parking arrangements in the area affected by the</p>

	<p>proposed Cycleway 1.2, which runs along Allensbank Road. In the meantime, and when a more normal situation returns following the Covid-19 pandemic, surveys will be undertaken that will inform the type of scheme which might be considered for this area.</p>
W30	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WOOD</u></p> <p>Are the council able to confirm that Crown Way will not be closed to traffic, nor will any of the residential New Zealand, Canada, Australia or Newfoundland Roads be opened to through traffic due to the Cathays High School expansion plans?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Crown Way will not be closed to traffic to accommodate the expansion and redevelopment of Cathays High School. However, measures to manage vehicle speeds, the provision of pedestrian crossings and restrictions on parking are likely to be introduced on Crown Way as part of the overall package of highways measures forming part of the school development.</p> <p>There are no plans to open up New Zealand, Canada, Australia or Newfoundland Roads to through traffic.</p>
W31	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR</u></p> <p>What planned improvement works are there to the pavements and bus stops along Whitchurch Road?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Routine monthly safety inspections are carried out on Whitchurch Road, with only minimal footway defects having been recorded. There are no areas that have been highlighted for improvement works and our records show no recent customer complaints. If there are any specific areas of concern, then officers would be happy to assess these areas and provide feedback on any work that may or may not be required.</p> <p>Bus stops located within the section of the cycle scheme along Whitchurch Road between the junctions with Crwys Road and Allensbank Road are being upgraded with new 'Bee Friendly' bus shelters, which have living roofs planted with wildflowers to attract bees and other insects.</p>

W32

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

What steps are being taken to ensure that enforcement activity is sufficient to support the changes to digital parking permits?

Reply

Parking enforcement within the new digital parking permit area will continue to be undertaken by officers on foot patrol who will patrol the streets regularly and issue notices to the vehicles directly.

In addition, camera enforcement vehicles will be utilised to patrol each street within the area regularly, but they will not directly enforce parking offences in relation to unauthorised vehicles being parked within a resident permit area/bay. However, the data that they gather will be analysed regularly to help build up, gradually over time, detailed parking profiles for each street. This intelligence will be used to inform where and when Civil Enforcement Officers are deployed and what level of enforcement is required.

W33

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SATTAR

Lots of residents have raised concerns with us about illegal parking on double yellow lines, on pavements and reservations, as well as in front of lane gates. Can the Cabinet Member advise what the Council has done in Grangetown over the last 12 months to tackle problem parking and how residents can support the Council to stop this issue permanently?

Reply

The Council can only undertake enforcement action against vehicles that are parked where there are parking restrictions supported by a Traffic Order, such as double yellow lines, resident parking bays, zebra crossing zig-zag lines etc.

The police remain responsible for enforcing parking on pavements, in front of lane gates and on central reservations where there are no traffic orders in place and the vehicles are causing an obstruction.

Officers are currently developing Traffic Orders to install double yellow lines around the central reservation islands along Clive Street. As soon as these are in place, Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce any parking on the central reservations.

Grangetown is patrolled on a daily basis at present; however, officers

	<p>advise residents to report any parking issues where vehicles are parked in contravention of a Traffic Order parking restriction directly to C2C by phoning (029) 2087 2087. Civil Enforcement Officers will then be directed to respond as soon as resources are available.</p>
W34	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LISTER</u></p> <p>As the dark nights continue it is clear that there are areas of Grangetown which are not well lit and cause concerns for residents, especially those walking alone or exercising. Parts of the Taff Trail, particularly between Clarence Bridge and Windsor Quay are at times pitch black. What work is the Council doing to improve lighting across Grangetown and the rest of Cardiff, to improve visibility and peoples' sense of safety?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>I fully understand residents' concerns and I am pleased to confirm that the existing street lighting in Grangetown has very recently been upgraded to LED lighting. This is more energy efficient and reduces both running costs and carbon emissions. In addition, the system is centrally controlled, which means that if there are any specific areas of concern with the existing lighting, then there is the potential to raise lighting levels locally.</p> <p>I have also asked the Transport Team to review the light provision on the Taff Trail within the Grangetown area. This ties in with work that we are already doing to improve lighting on existing cycle routes within the Bute Park area, including the route along the spine road north of Sophia Gardens through Pontcanna Fields. As you may be aware, in planning the provision of lighting through any parkland and woodland areas, careful consideration needs to be given to the presence of protected ecology, most notably bats.</p> <p>Last week, the Cabinet considered a range of issues relating to safety in the city's parks, including the provision of lighting. We agreed to continue to seek support through Active Travel funding and directorates will continue to collaborate to maximise such opportunities.</p>
W35	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN</u></p> <p>Many residents of Llanedeyrn Road, whose houses are accessed via the two access roads on either side of the street, find they are repeatedly blocked in by parents dropping off and picking up their children from Ysgol Bro Ederm and Ysgol y Berllan Deg at the start</p>

and end of the school day. Problems involve blocking residents' driveways, blocking the entrances to the access roads, blocking the turning circle at the closed off end of the access road on the north side, and parking on the grass verges. Will the council undertake to work with South Wales Police to help deter inappropriate and obstructive parking in this locality?

Reply

Engagement with Ysgol Bro Edern staff, pupils and their parents, as well as residents living close to the school, has recently been undertaken by Sustrans on behalf of the Council. The purpose of this exercise was to gather information about conditions and issues on Llanedeyrn Road and adjoining streets associated with school journeys during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

The feedback will be assessed and used to inform the development of potential solutions to the issues and problems being experienced in the vicinity of the school. Initial proposals and options will be developed and shared with the school and local community as part of a further consultation exercise later in the year. The feedback will also be shared with the Council's Civil Enforcement Team who will take appropriate action under the powers at their disposal.

W36

WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERMAN

Can you please provide the full list of all traffic schemes that are on the future programme for design and delivery, broken down by ward?

Reply

Our strategic transport programme spans the whole of the city and has several projects that are either in, or due to be in, the various stages of design and delivery. The following programmes will be designed and delivered over the medium term:

- City Centre Improvements (various)
- Cycle Superhighways 1-5, Taff Trail Improvements and Roath Park Cycleway (formerly Red Route)
- Active Travel Network
- Road Safety Programme
- Public Transport Corridors
- Transport Programme Enabling Projects

Detailed maps showing the locations of the projects are available,

	<p>and the images/maps contained in the Transport White Paper best represent the strategic picture for the programme.</p> <p>The list of transport projects within the programme is subject to change, as it is dependent on funding, consultation, Cabinet approvals and the changing transport needs of a capital city.</p>
W37	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>In January 2020 news broke that the Administration was considering introducing a ‘congestion charge’ in Cardiff. Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on these proposals and whom they would impact?</p> <p><u>Reply</u></p> <p>Our Transport White Paper identified that to raise the estimated £1-2Bn investment needed for our public transport system, we would need to investigate a number of potential funding mechanisms.</p> <p>We are currently progressing the first stage (Stage 1) of the necessary assessment work in accordance with the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) produced by Welsh Government. This requires the Council to identify initially a longlist of options against the objectives of the study. The purpose of this stage assessment work is to develop a potential shortlist of options that may be taken forward to more detailed assessment, which would consider the likely impacts of these options, including any wider societal impacts, in order to help inform any future decision on taking forward such a scheme.</p> <p>We also note that the UK Government is considering road user charging schemes to replace the estimated £40 billion generated by duty on fuel as people move to electric vehicles.</p> <p>The member may also be interested in the Independent Review of Road User Charging in Wales that was undertaken for the Welsh Government, together with the final recommendations made by the South East Wales Transport Commission, chaired by Lord Burns, in relation to Road User Charging.</p>
W38	<p><u>WRITTEN QUESTION FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS</u></p> <p>The Administration has outlined plans to increase segregated cycle lanes throughout Cardiff. The Administration has already commenced construction of a segregated cycle lane on Newport Road in the Adamstown Ward. As you travel out of the City Centre,</p>

via Newport Road, there are already existing bottlenecks on the highway which will worsen if the highway is reduced. Can the Cabinet Member outline what plans are in place for segregated cycle lanes for the sections of Newport Road in Old St Mellons, Rumney and Penylan?

Reply

The Council is seeking to provide a permanent segregated cycle route along the entire length of the Newport Road corridor to the city's boundary with Newport. It would also connect with St Mellons Business Park and the proposed Cardiff Parkway development via a segregated facility along Cypress Drive.

The route would connect to a future segregated cycle lane that is planned along the A48 within the neighbouring Newport local authority area that would extend into west and central Newport. This route was identified by the South East Wales Transport Commission (the 'Burns Commission') as a key project for the wider city-region.

Work to investigate options for the alignment and design of the route is currently being undertaken. Consultation on initial proposals, including possible options, will take place later this year.

COUNCIL:

27 JANUARY 2022

AMENDMENT SHEET

ITEM 12: AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Sarah Merry
Seconded by: Councillor Jen Burke-Davies

Add to sub-paragraph 1 – *‘and congratulates Cardiff’s Youth Service on being re-awarded the Bronze Level Youth Work Quality Mark’*

Add to sub-paragraph 3 – *‘and that youth work is a distinct educational process across a variety of settings which could include street based youth workers, youth mentors and centre based youth workers.’*

Add to sub-paragraph 4 – *‘as is the work carried out by our street based youth work teams, youth mentors who operate across the city responding to local need working with some of the most vulnerable young people in the city wherever they are and our EOTAS team who support some of the city’s most vulnerable learners.’*

Add to sub-paragraph 6 – *‘including those benefiting from Youth Innovation Grants and the council’s financial support for Menter Caerdydd used to run provision for Welsh speakers around the city.’*

Add to sub-paragraph 7 – *‘but that the needs of certain groups of young people and areas are greater particularly with the cut in Universal Credit, increasing cost of living and increasing numbers of children and young people falling into poverty. Youth work can also play an important part in addressing the differential impact of covid on our young people.’*

Add sub-paragraph 9 – *‘The fantastic work of Cardiff Commitment and youth mentors across the city and in all of our schools which has resulted in a fall in the number of young people not in education or training from 8.8% in 2010, well above the Welsh average to 1.5% at a time of great economic uncertainty.’*

Add sub-paragraph 10 – *‘The work carried out by youth workers around the city over the summer including the youth bus.’*

Add sub-paragraph 11 – *‘The work of the digital youth team in engaging with young people virtually’.*

Add a further paragraph – *‘Cardiff Council welcomes the decision to undertake a review of our youth service provision to ensure we can meet the needs of young people and develop sustainable, long term investment in youth services.’*

Delete *‘This Council calls on the Cabinet to:’* and replace with *‘This Council believes the review should include:’*

Sub-paragraph 1 - Delete *‘Make sure that.’* and replace with *‘Widening access as well as ensuring that’*

Sub-paragraph 2 – Delete *‘Research the co-ordination between’* and replace with *‘Ensuring’*
Delete – *‘and the’*

After *..Police* add *‘, education, childrens services, youth justice teams, community safety and the 3rd sector continue to work closely so that the’*

Sub-paragraph 3 – Delete *‘To make’* and replace with *‘Making’*

Delete sub-paragraph 4 and replace with -

‘How we can share good practice whilst ensuring the quality of youth work practice across all youth support services is effective and listen to the voices of young people, providing youth work training to all organisations working with young people

Developing a workforce strategy that invests in a diverse and inclusive workforce that is representative of our communities and provides opportunities for young people through corporate apprenticeships and traineeships

Cardiff Council recognises that as we aim to become a Child Friendly City the council must continue to engage with young people themselves about the services that impact on them.

The Amended Motion would read as follows:

This Council notes:

The quality and value of youth workers and youth work supporting young people in Cardiff and congratulates Cardiff’s Youth Service on being re-awarded the Bronze Level Youth Work Quality Mark

That youth workers are valuable role models for young people

The key role youth work has in supporting young people to realise their full potential and that youth work is a distinct educational process across a variety of settings which could include street based youth workers, youth mentors and centre based youth workers.

That youth centres can be an important part of communities as is the work carried out by our street based youth work teams, youth mentors who operate across the city responding to local need working with some of the most vulnerable young people in the city wherever they are and our EOTAS team who support some of the city’s most vulnerable learners.

The hard work and dedication of volunteers who work with young people across Cardiff

The partners that work with the Council to deliver quality youth work in Cardiff including those benefiting from Youth Innovation Grants and the council's financial support for Menter Caerdydd used to run provision for Welsh speakers around the city

The needs of young people are not limited to one particular arc of Cardiff and there is need in every ward but that the needs of certain groups of young people and areas are greater particularly with the cut in Universal Credit, increasing cost of living and increasing numbers of children and young people falling into poverty. Youth work can also play an important part in addressing the differential impact of covid on our young people

The 15 minute neighbourhood concept includes young people, their needs and access to facilities

The fantastic work of Cardiff Commitment and youth mentors across the city and in all of our schools which has resulted in a fall in the number of young people not in education or training from 8.8% in 2010, well above the Welsh average, to 1.5% at a time of great economic uncertainty

The work carried out by youth workers around the city over the summer including the youth bus

The work of the digital youth team in engaging with young people virtually

Cardiff Council welcomes the decision to undertake a review of our youth service provision to ensure we can meet the needs of young people and develop sustainable, long term investment in youth services.

This council believes the review should include:

Widening access as well as ensuring that qualified youth workers continue to cover the whole of Cardiff enabling them to reach young people wherever they are and whenever they are needed.

Ensuring youth workers, police, education, childrens services, youth justice teams, community safety and the 3rd sector continue to work closely together so that the best practice is in place across the whole of Cardiff in matters involving young people.

Making sure that young people, no matter where in the city they live, have access to youth facilities and can access youth work based support when they need it

How we can share good practice whilst ensuring the quality of youth work practice across all youth support services is effective and listens to the voices of young people, providing youth work training to all organisations working with young people

Developing a workforce strategy that invests in a diverse and inclusive workforce that is representative of our communities and provides opportunities for young people through corporate apprenticeships and traineeships

Cardiff Council recognises that as we aim to become a Child Friendly City the Council must continue to engage with young people themselves about the services that impact on them

AMENDMENT 2 TO NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Proposed by: Councillor Bablin Molik
Seconded by: Councillor Dan Naughton

After 'This Council calls on the Cabinet to:' add - 'Involve and co-produce the direction of and development of youth service you with youth workers, voluntary and community youth organisations and most importantly our youth'.

After the penultimate paragraph add a further paragraph – 'To make representations to Welsh Government with regards to placing youth services on a statutory footing'

Add to the end of the final paragraph – delete 'within 3 months' and replace with 'as a priority within the next financial year'

The Amended Motion would read as follows:

This Council notes:

The quality and value of youth workers and youth work supporting young people in Cardiff

That youth workers are valuable role models for young people

The key role youth work has in supporting young people to realise their full potential

That youth centres can be an important part of communities

The hard work and dedication of volunteers who work with young people across Cardiff

The partners that work with the Council to deliver quality youth work in Cardiff

The needs of young people are not limited to one particular arc of Cardiff and whilst deprivation results in increased need, there is need in every ward

The 15 minute neighbourhood concept includes young people, their needs and access to facilities

This Council calls on the Cabinet to:

Involve and co-produce the direction of an development of youth service with youth workers, voluntary and community youth organisations and most importantly our youth.

Make sure that qualified youth workers are able to cover the whole of Cardiff enabling them to reach young people wherever they are and whenever they are needed

Research the co-ordination between youth workers and the police and ensure best practice is in place across the whole of Cardiff in matters involving young people.

To make sure that young people, no matter where in the city they live, have access to youth facilities and can access youth work based support when they need it

To make representations to Welsh Government with regards to placing youth services on a statutory footing

Bring a report outlining how support across the city can be improved as a priority within the next financial year

ITEM 12: AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION 2

Proposed by: Councillor Lee Bridgeman

Seconded by: Councillor Ashley Lister

Delete: ‘.. City under the ... to the end of paragraph 1 and add:

‘UK. This Council notes that youth services are non-statutory services and local authorities UK wide were left with no option but to cut services due to draconian cuts imposed on them by the conservative, liberal democratic coalition in 2010. Figures uncovered by the YMCA show the true extent of the funding cuts to youth services in England and Wales since 2010. £1.4bn 2010/2011 compared to £429m 2018/19 a real terms decline of 70%. This Council also notes the investment that Cardiff Council has made in youth services under this administration via expanding youth mentoring services, street based youth workers as well as working with partners to maintain services through youth innovation grants.’

Insert the following before rebuilding Cardiff’s Youth service: *‘Cardiff welcomes the administrations commitment to a review of youth services with the aim of’*

Delete the remainder of that paragraph and add the following sentence: *‘The Council notes to do this it is essential that we listen to young people and engage with partners to ensure we can create a modern attractive service that is sustainable and accessible to children and young people across the city.’*

Delete ‘once the’ from the third paragraph and insert: *‘This Council recognises that’*

Delete ‘.. has been achieved ... to the end of the paragraph and add: *‘is something that would create an unsustainable out of date model. With this administrations commitment to review the service we will have the opportunity to create a modern innovative services that would listen to young people and address their needs across the city.’*

The Amended Motion would read as follows:

This Council regrets the closure of so many Council run youth centres across the UK. This Council notes that youth services are non-statutory services and local authorities UK wide

were left with no option but to cut services due to draconian cuts imposed on them by the conservative, liberal democratic coalition in 2010. Figures uncovered by the YMCA show the true extent of the funding cuts to youth services in England and Wales since 2010. £1.4bn 2010/2011 compared to £429m 2018/19 a real terms decline of 70%. This Council also notes the investment that Cardiff Council has made in youth services under this administration via expanding youth mentoring services, street based youth workers as well as working with partners to maintain services through youth innovation grants.

Cardiff Council welcomes the administrations commitment to a review of youth services with the aim of rebuilding Cardiff's Youth Service. The Council notes to do this it is essential that we listen to young people and engage with partners to ensure we can create a modern attractive service that is sustainable and accessible to children and young people across the city.

The Council recognises that relaunching of all former youth centres is something that would create an unsustainable out of date model. With this administrations commitment to review the service we will have the opportunity to create a modern innovative services that would listen to young people and address their needs across the city.

ITEM 13: AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION 3

Proposed by: Councillor Neil McEvoy

Seconded by: Councillor Keith Parry

Delete the final sentence of paragraph 4 and replace with: '*This is Blue Tory Britain and are Tory Wales.*'

Delete the final paragraph and replace with: '*Instruct officers to produce a detailed report on gas extraction in Wales, its effect on reducing Cardiff's carbon footprint, its potential effect on reducing energy bills for residents of the City with a view to Cardiff Council heading up a public/private partnership in the industry.*'

The Amended Motion would read as follows:

National Energy Crisis

This council recognises the unprecedented energy crisis facing many households across Cardiff, Wales and the UK. In the coming months more and more households will see increases of a magnitude never seen before as the energy price cap is removed or energy deals come to an end.

This comes on top of a cost of living crisis created by the Impacts of Brexit and the Covid Pandemic which have already seen an unprecedented squeeze on peoples incomes.

Inflation remains very high which is putting huge pressure on household budgets as earnings have not kept pace with prices, leaving family budgets squeezed and people worse off.

The additional costs of day to day living are already impacting negatively on every household across Cardiff but even more so on families who are living close to the bread line – many of them working families who nevertheless still need to visit food banks and will now be faced

with the terrible choice of heating their home or putting food on the table. This is Blue Tory Britain and are Tory Wales

As a Council, we will continue to do everything within our power to help mitigate energy costs. This includes

- the targeted support available to improve the energy efficiency of homes and help those in fuel poverty,
- the work of our Money Advice Service in maximising the claiming of eligible benefits, and signposting residents to the available financial support options
- and our significant investment in existing Council homes, to make them cheaper to heat and live in.
- our Council Homes building programme, providing ever increasing numbers of low/zero carbon, energy efficient homes for social rent.

Instruct officers to produce a detailed report on gas extraction in Wales, its effect on reducing Cardiff's carbon footprint, its potential effect on reducing energy bills for residents of the City with a view to Cardiff Council heading up a public/private partnership in the industry.

ITEM 18 – COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee	Vacancy	Group	Nomination Received
Democratic Services Committee	1 x vacancy	Labour	
Licensing Committee	1 x vacancy	Conservative	
Public Protection Committee	2 x vacancies	1 x Independent 1 x Propel	

No nominations have been received.

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